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Title: Reference regarding passing away of Shri Dilip Chakravarty, member 6th Lok Sabha and Shri Sat Pal Kapur, member 5th Lok Sabha on 14.06.07 and 19.07.07 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of two of our former colleagues, Shri Dilip Chakravarty and Shri Sat Pal Kapur.

Shri Dilip Chakravarty was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979, representing Calcutta South Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Chakravarty was a member of the Committee on Estimates during 1978-79, Court of the Jawaharlal Nehru University from 1977 to 1979 and Consultative Committee constituted under the Nagaland State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976.

A well known social and political worker Shri Chakravarty participated in the Students' Movement in Bengal and Assam in 1935. He also participated in the Quit India Movement, 1942. He actively participated in the Goa Liberation movement.

Shri Chakravarty was a teacher by profession. An active votary of the teaching fraternity, he was the founder-member and General Secretary of the Assam College Teachers' Association. He also served as General Secretary and thereafter, as President of West Bengal College and University Teachers' Association. He was the member, Guwahati University Court from 1953 to 1956; Calcutta University Senate during 1961 and Calcutta University Syndicate during 1968. A multi-faceted personality Shri Chakravarty evinced keen interest in Indology, philately and actively worked for promotion of sports.

Shri Dilip Chakravarty passed away on 14 June, 2007 at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh at the age of 84, after brief illness.

Shri Sat Pal Kapur was a member of the Fifth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977, representing Patiala Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab.

Earlier, Shri Kapur was elected a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly in 1967.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Kapur was a member of the Committee on Government Assurances during 1972; Rules Committee during 1974; Business Advisory Committee from 1975 to 1977; Consultative Committee constituted under the Punjab State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1971 and Consultative Committee constituted under the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976.

Shri Kapur played active role in the movement for merger of the princely States of Faridkot and Patiala with the province of Punjab during 1947-48.

A well-known socialist and a trade unionist, Shri Kapur established the first Trade Union in Patiala and helped further organize a network of trade unions throughout Patiala and East Punjab States Union (PEPSU). He was the General Secretary, Trade Union Council (Hind Mazdoor Panchayat) in 1949. He was elected President of Trade Union Council during 1952. He was also closely associated with INTUC from 1956 to 1958.

A conscientious social reformist, Shri Kapur played a pioneering role in tenancy reforms struggle in villages of the erstwhile Patiala State Region and was actively associated with tenancy land reforms movements in different capacities from 1949 to 1955. He took keen interest in organization of co-operative movement in schools and villages. He worked hard for the rural uplift and for the removal of the social malaise of untouchability.

A widely travelled person, Shri Kapur was member of Indian Parliamentary delegation to Romania and Hungary during 1973. He was also nominated as a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group from 1974 to 1975.

Shri Sat Pal Kapur passed away on 19 July, 2007 at Patiala, Punjab at the age of 76.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while[r1]

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, today it has appeared ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It has become very difficult to run this House. Please listen. I have got one notice for suspension of the Question Hour from Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I take it that the matter is the alleged statement or remarks made by our Ambassador in the USA.

...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मेहरबानी करके आप बैठ जाइये। बैठना अच्छा शोभा देता है, खड़ा होना शोभा नहीं देता है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : आप हमारी बात तो सुन लीजिए...(व्यवधान)

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY): Sir, I have also given a notice on this. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You are so much upset that you did not give notice in time.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen. We have got information from the Government. A statement, which the hon. Minister of External Affairs wishes to make, is before me. In the statement, there has been a denial of this report. Since, all of you are agitated on the same issue, let the hon. Minister of External Affairs make his statement.

...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Sir, please allow me to speak now. ...(*Interruptions*)